Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Even in many other places where there are Muslim students, are Fridays and Ramzans holidays?

President—I do not think that question arises from this.

Destruction of huts of Depressed Classes people of Chennamangalam.

289. **Mr. K. Ayyappan**—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following.—

(1) have any departments of the Government received any complaints from any depressed classes people of Chennamangalam alleging that their huts were destroyed by some other class people;

(2) what are the complaints;

(3) when were they received;

(4) who are the alleged offenders;

(5) has the Protector of the Depressed Classes sent any communication to the Government or any departments of the Government regarding the alleged destruction of the huts; and

(6) have any actions been taken on the complaints?

Rama Varmha Tampuran—(1) Yes; the Protector of the Depressed Classes has received complaints.

(2) The complaint was that the Depressed Classes who were settling in the Pazhampillithuruth were forcibly evicted by some Christians of the locality, and trespassed on their huts.

(3) On 30th Dhanu 1108.

(4) Names of the alleged offenders are not specifically known.

(5) Yes; the Protector of the Depressed Classes has addressed the Diwan Peishkar in the matter.

(6) The matter is under enquiry by the Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—(2). Who is the proper authority to take action, is it the Diwan Peishkar, the Police or the Magistracy?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The facts have to be first ascertained.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Who is to ascertain? Have the Government addressed the proper authority?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Protector is collecting information on all the details involved, and after he collects information he will take action.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Was information given to the Police in respect of this matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think it was given.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the necessity of informing the Police on this high-handed act?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.— After ascertaining the details if it is found necessary to address the Police, the Protector will do that.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—When was the complaint made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—30th of Dhanu.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Has the Diwan Peishkar any authority to take cognizance of the case?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He has been referred to for some information on some technical points.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—If anybody's house is destroyed by another forcibly and the other man enters into the compound criminally, does it come under the purview of the Revenue Department or the Police Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— Government did not say that it came under the purview of the Revenue Department. The Protector wanted some information and he addressed the Diwan Peishkar. The matter has not been finally disposed of. It is not a final reference to the Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Are the Government aware that if investigation is delayed, the symptoms in the place will disappear and there will be difficulty to collect evidence?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Nothing is intentionally delayed. Everything possible is done to expedite the matter.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is it the usual practice in the case of an offence to inform the Peishkar or the Police?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—When a Head of Department thinks that he wants some more information upon several relevant details, I think he is absolutely correct in trying to get that information before he takes any action as a final step.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—What is the sort of information that the Diwan Peishkar was asked for in a matter like this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government has not sent this reference to the Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Has this information been given to the Police at all?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think it has been.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government consider the desirability of expediting this matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Certainly, we will.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Are there two Criminal Procedure Codes, one for the Depressed Classes and another for the others?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No answer is necessary from me.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Then why this preferential treatment?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no preferential treatment. He wanted some information on certain details. He addressed the Diwan Peishkar for that.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has the Departmental Head brought to the notice of the Government that forcible eviction has been effected? What did the Government do in the matter irrespective of the recommendation of the Departmental Head?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He wanted some information perhaps to know who really owns the property and all those details. It is not for a final disposal. It was not for that purpose.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—These details can be inquired into by the Police Officers also. Could not they also inquire?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They could also do that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can the House know what points have been referred to the Diwan Peishkar?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The Revenue Member is only 7 days old now. (*Laughter*).

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Who are the parties aggrieved?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have not got those names here.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Am I to understand that the paper has not been sent to him?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I have not seen the paper.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know which is the nearest Police Station to this place?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Cranganur.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Has any complaint been lodged by anybody there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—What is the distance to that Police Station?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Four miles.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Are Police Stations available for complaints by depressed classes?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—By anybody.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has the Police received any complaints?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Muslim applicants for appointments.

290. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government be pleased to state (a) the number of Muslims who applied for posts

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